#### TRADING IS BETTER THROUGHOUT WEEK

Value of Business in Cotton Market Widely Scattered--Tone Stronger and Prices Higher During Last Few Days.

New York, March 21.—Trading in cotton was more active throughout the week, with the volume of business more widely scattered, and the tone stronger and prices higher the last few days. The sharp advance of the previous week carried prices so high from the low records of over a fortinght ago, there was a great deal of profit-taking. Consequently there was a good reaction during the early part of the week from last Saturday's prices, when March ended at 12.65, May 12.07, July 11.91, August 11.77, and October

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After prices had been called down 20 to 15 points from the above quotations, renewed good trade buying set in which turned the market up again, blest of the strength and activity was, however, in the old crop months. The heavlest, short interest has been in those deliveries, and with the largest spot firm here controlling practically all of the small contract stock of but 65,000 bales, shorts manifested increasing nervousness as the week progressed with still no indication of any cotton coming here to increase these small stocks. ing here to increase these small

Acsterday there was a further sharp see in the near months of 29 points r March, and about 16 for May, chiefly further forced covering of shorts in lose deliveries. July and August resonded in sympathy, but the new crop on the continued somewhat neglect, and still unresponsive. This addition carried March up to 12.95. May 125, July 11.98. August 11.81. October 47, and December 11.54. The marticlesed firm, and within a few points those quotations.

Extent of the Rise.

The maximum advance from last Sateday's closing to yesterday's highest gures out 39 points for March, 18 r May, 7 for July, and 4 to 5 points r the rest of the list. From the low yel reached for the general contract on March, 11, there has been an innee of 59 points for March, 72 r May, 59 for July, and 45 to 39 for 1 the later months. The low record ices for the season since early last ly have been 11.98 for March, 11.53 r May, 11.48 for July, and 11.35 for tober, December and January of the xt crop. In this advance of the last o weeks a great deal of the disrities in prices for the old crop on the between this market and Liverial have been restored, but prices re are still considerably under a city with New Orleans and the other uthern spot markets. A great deal it is difference is still due to the avy hedge selling of Southern cotted dealers and other cotton factors May, July and August contracts in a market anglist a great deal of regrade cotton held in the South. It is market and shipping to the condition of the condition market the "dumping ground" for a undestrable cotton was frustrated month by the classification complete of the New York Cotton Exhaus, discovering that the cetton not only machine cut, but sandy otherwise of too inferior grade of the New York Cotton Exchang the cotton of the New York Cotton Exchang the season, including the season includes the season of the seaso

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#### PRICES FLUCTUATE IN ERRATIC FASHION

Good Deal of Irregularity in Domestic Wheat-Numerous Conflicting Influences Affect Market. Strong Tendency in New Crop Contracts Is Perplexing Feature.

Therefore, sellers for the declino have been disappointed because July contracts have remained comparatively strong. Many merchants believe that the distant deliveries had been selling at too big a discount. In other words, it is claimed that prime new wheat in July will be intrinsically worth as much as in May. In view of the small crop in Argentina and India and the obsappointing yield in Australia, it is thought probable that Europe will be compelled to buy Tairly large quantities in this country during the next iled to buy fairly large quan-in this country during the next three months.

# MARKET WILL GET

The spot and the end of March shipments will be features of interest. Exports thus far this season of cotton total 7.500.277 tales, against 6,990.153 a year ago, and \$7.7.235 two years ago. This means that exports are on the hasis of 1,000,000 bales for the season. Two years ago the movement amounted to 10.500,000 bales. Students of the market say that no such movement is possible this season if American mills are going to take 6,000,000 bales. Liquidation of the March position in the future market may be attended by more or less excitement, and other months may derive strength from developments in the current option

OPEN AN ACCOUNT WITE THE UNION BANK OF RICHMOND 1166 EAST MAIN STREET \$1.00 MAKES A START. S PER CENT INTEREST

sew York, March 21.—There was a sold deal of irregularity in domestic ear markets early in the week, prices stuating in an erratic way, owing numerous conflicting influences, bably the most conspicuous and plexing feature was the stronger doney in the distant or new crop stracts as compared with May. As consequence, the premium on May dually lessened. This caused some truestor among those not well intuitive that the previous one. As a rule, cable advices have been somewhat colorless, although European markets were occasionally a trille firmer, which was assembled that with the advent of more galke weather deterioration in places might be revealed, but was not the case, and consequent is believe. In the advent of more is believe. In the area abanding the case, and consequent is believe. In the area abanding the case, and consequent is believe. In the area abanding the case, and consequent is believe. In the area abanding the case, and consequent is believe. In the area abanding the case, and consequent is believe. In the case, and consequent is t

Better Tone to Prices.

DOWN TONEW BASIS

New Orleans, La., March 22—The cotton market this week will get down to a new basis. Reports concerning growth this season are out of the way, and the trade is able to lgure out fairly accurately the surply available. The question of consumption will still be in dispute, but there will be a general tendency to take increasing interest in the new crop outlook.

While it is yet too early for weather markets, more or less influence will come from the weather over Texas, Continued low temperature would have a stimulating effect on the market, while warmer weather would encourage the hear side.

This makes the grand total thus far this season only 17,872,000 bushels, a gainst 47,128,000 bushels, a gainst 47,128,000 bushels, a gainst 47,128,000 bushels a year ago. In spite of this, the visible supply in this country is insignificant, 2,360,000 bushels, a gainst 47,128,000 bushels, a gainst 47,128,000 bushels, a gainst 47,128,000 bushels, a gainst 47,128,000 bushels in the correspondings week last year.

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Corn Somewhat Firmer.

Corn has been irregular and unsettled, but generally stronger, especially late in the week, when prices advanced somewhat sharply, as offerings were small and short sellers anxious to cover. They were prompted partly by light primary receipts, farmers making between the March position in arrived may be attended by se accitement, and other derive strength from definite current option.

AN ACCOUNT WITE

Blue Law Sunday at Newport.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Newport. R. I., March 22.—Mayor Patrick J. Boyle issued an order through the police department to-day which closed every store except newsdealers, ice cream and restaurant places and drug stores, giving Newport its and drug stores, giving Newport strictest blue law Sunday in half century.

## **BUSINESS AWAITS** DECISION ON RATES

Until It Comes, There Is Little Hope of Permanent Improvement.

OPTIMISM IS PREVALENT

Season of Year Has Something to Do With Better Feeling of Market.

Relatives of Explosion Victims Will Bring Action Against Oil Companies.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Winchester, Va., March 22.—No State or local law can be found by the Winchester authorities whereby oil companies can be criminally prosecuted for selling to local retailers kerosene conselling to local retailers Instituted in the week there was a steer undertone. Offerings were lightly an undertone. Offerings were lightly and the object of the steer undertone. Offerings were lightly and the object of the steer undertone. Offerings were lightly and the object of the steer undertone. Offerings were lightly and the object of the steer undertone. Offerings were lightly and the object of the steer undertone. Offerings were lightly and the object of the steer undertone. Offerings were lightly and the object of the steer undertone. Offerings were lightly and the object of the steer undertone. Offerings were lightly and the object of the steer undertone. Offerings were lead to decrease in the steer undertone. Offerings were leading to the steer of the steer are twenty or the steer of the st

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selling to local retailers kerosene containing a large per cent of gasolene, but it was learned to-day that it is not unlikely a number of suits will be instituted in the courts here by the relatives of eleven persons who have been burned to detth by coal oil explosions, all of which occurred within two weeks, while there are twenty or more others who still feel the offects.

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Traffic on the Southern Railway at Strasburg Junction, one of the busiest stations between Washington and Harstations between Washington and Harrisonburg, was completely tied up a
few days ago, when a ponderous locomotive jumped the track and fell
against an elevated track leading to
a coal tipple. Passenger and freight
trains had to be sent in a round-about
way over a "Y" on the Baltimore and
Ohio Railroad while a wrecking crew
from Alexandria made repairs

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John William Brewer, Jr., of North Carolina, and Miss Mattle Lee Compton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Compton, were married at the home of the bride's parents at Front Royal.

Many streams in this part of the State and also those of the West Virginia border counties were considered. ginia border counties were con-verted into raging torrents last week verted into raging torrents last week as a result of the warm weather of Monday and Tuesday, causing the snow to melt. Some of the creeks have been overflowing their banks in places, while it is a hazardous undertaking to ford any of them. Snow has been on the ground in the vicinity of Wardensville since last Christmas Day, and many of the roads have been blocked for weeks. As fast as men open the roads, another snowstorm would fill them again.

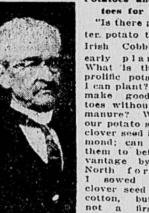
again.

Grand Regent S. H. Sayre, of the Royal Arcanum of Virginia, has been visiting the local councils in the Virginia, Valley last week and making addresses. Banquets and initiations were held wherever he made an official visit. He left to day for his home at He left to-day for his home at

# WITH THE FARMERS

By Prof. W. F. MASSEY

(Letters addressed to Professor Massey must have stamp inclosed for



acid phosphate at rate of 500 pounds an acre used in the furrows and bed-ded on. Then flatten the beds and plant the seed and cover shallow or just enough to insure moisture for germination. Here, where I live, they oushel baskets. What the calling prop may be and the price for the

germination. Here, where I live, they are grown for shipping green in half-bushel baskets. What the calming crop may be and the price for the canned articles I cannot say, as I know nothing about it.

Oats, Cowpens and Basic Siac.

"If I soak oats in formalin to destroy smut, and dry them ereigh to sow, how many pecks should I sow? Which cowpea would you prefer to sow for hay? Would you use Basic slag phosphate on rye in the fall that is to be turned for tobacco in the spring, expecting the lime in it to have some effect in keeping the soil sweet?" In sowing oats in the spring I would always sow two bushels an acre. For hay in your section there is no pea better than the large Black, and you can make a better crop of hay, and more easily harvested by sowing one-half peas and one-half Mammoth soy beans, making half a bushel of each for an acre. The erect soys will help hold up the neas and the coloning the comming transplanting. I have hereofore given my method for growing the the crop, and may refer to it again in the summer. You would forget all about it if I gave it here. There is no difference in season between the two varieties you name.

Growing Cantaloupes.

North Carolina: "I intend to plant ten to twelve acres in cantaloupes, and want to know where to buy the seed, time to plant, cultivation, fertilization, and where to ship? I have three experienced laborers. Can I get builtins on the subject."

As you seem to know so little about cantaloupe culture, I would advise you to go slowly. One man in a section where there are no others growing the crop, and having to depend on shipping to commission men, will be more likely to make a failure than a bushel of each for an acre. The erect solve will help hold up the neas and one-half want to know where to buy the seed, time to plant to the summer. You would forget all about it II I gave it here. There is no difference in season between the two varieties you name.

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Growing Cantaloupe.

As Mammoth soy beans, making half a and no one ever ships on his

wrappers are made where a whole growth of red clover is turned under.

Monday, March 23, 1914.

Potatoce and Potations and Reference of the potato that teer for Seed.

'Is there any better potato than the Irish Cobbler for poults potato that I can plant? Can we make good potatoes without stable manure? We buy our potato seed and clover seed in little mond: can we get the potato that I can plant? Can we when the potato that I can plant? Can we make good potatoes without stable manure? We buy our potato seed and clover seed in little mond: can we get the potato that I can plant? Can we when the potatoes without stable manure? We buy our potato seed and cover seed in little mond: can we get I seed to be the potatoes with the potatoes and the potatoes and the potatoes with the cover till next to be ter advantage of the potatoes that is abundant I release to the potatoes and potatoes and the potatoes and pota In Nelson County, I believe it i

in Prince Edward. Can you give me an idea what the yield would be and and give a good watering on the backs and spread them on the backs in tobacco last year, in crimson clover now. I wish to express my appreciation of the valuable assistance you are giving the farmers." About as good a snap bean as you can get is Burpee's Green Pod Stringless. Planted on a large scale in rows two and a half feet apart, it will take a bushelf of beans for an acre. The land should have a light coat of manure and then acid phosphate at rate of 560 pounds an acre used in the furrows and bedrows, and by time to set the plants you will have nice strong ones that will lift with quite a mass of soil and transplant far more easily than if they had not the first transplanting. I have heretofore given my method for grow-

Mammoth soy beans, making half a bushel of each for an acre. The erect soys will help hold up the peas and make them more easily harvested. The soys as a rule make nodules more plentifully than the peas, and the crop plentifully the produce exchanges, which have traveling agents all over the Northern cities selling by car load. Hence, I cannot advise you where to ship. You would have to find by inquiry the names of reliable commission men in the cities North. The Rocky Ford is the variety mainly used, and a special variety of this, known as Eden Gem, is the most think that the Basic slag will have any bad effect on the following crop of tobacco.

Fertilizer for Dark Tobacco.

Buckingham County: "Can you give me a formula for a fertilizer for dark tobacco on dark, gravelly land? I have your formula for bright tobacco, but I live in the dark belt. Answer in The Times-Dispatch. I consider your letters a blessing to the farmers. So let the good work go on." The best thing for dark tobacco is to have a good clover sod to turn under, and then the same formula I have given for bright tobacco growers do not like the clover, but the finest black was possible manure and heavy fertilization both, and you have learned more about melon culture.

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